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Dear Caroline:

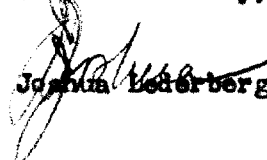
Thank you for your letter of the 18th and for the four cultures received the following day. They will be checked through this week-- if there are any perplexities, I will write you again.

The immediate program calls for looking for a variety of auxotroph mutants as markers. Are there any of these you'd like us to keep an eye out for, or should we send you a list when we're done? This may take some time, of course.

I would appreciate having the pedigrees on the cultures, but no hurry. By the way, your letter mentioned 153.4; one of the cultures was labelled 154.4, but we number all of our acquisitions in a uniform series (WY- ), so as long as you recognize the label, it wouldn't matter.

I hope the origin of these cultures from carlsbergensis crosses doesn't mean they'll "convert", i.e., give irregular segregation ratios! have you any information on this point? We particularly don't want to get into this problem just now.

Yours sincerely,

  
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